How to become a Dragon

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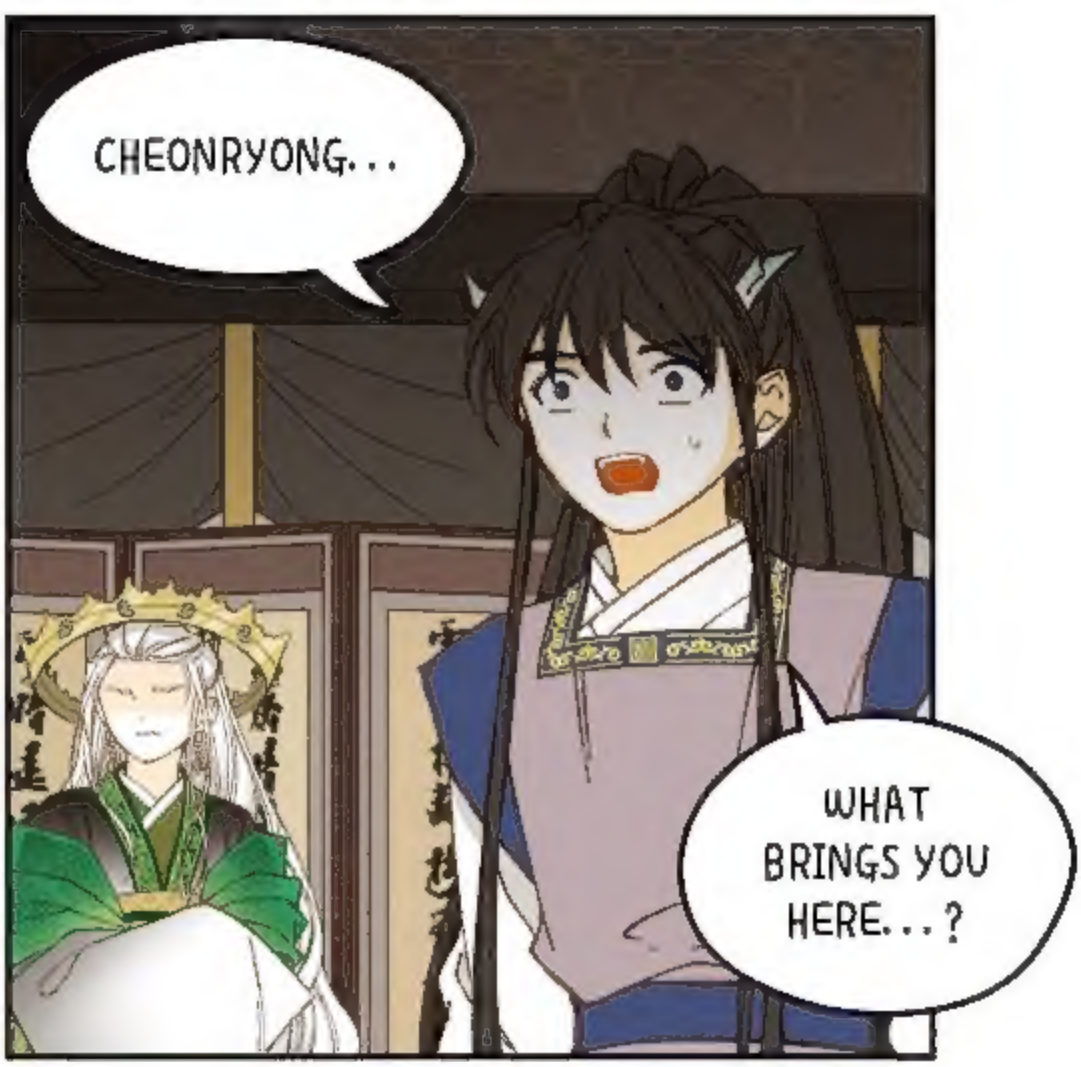
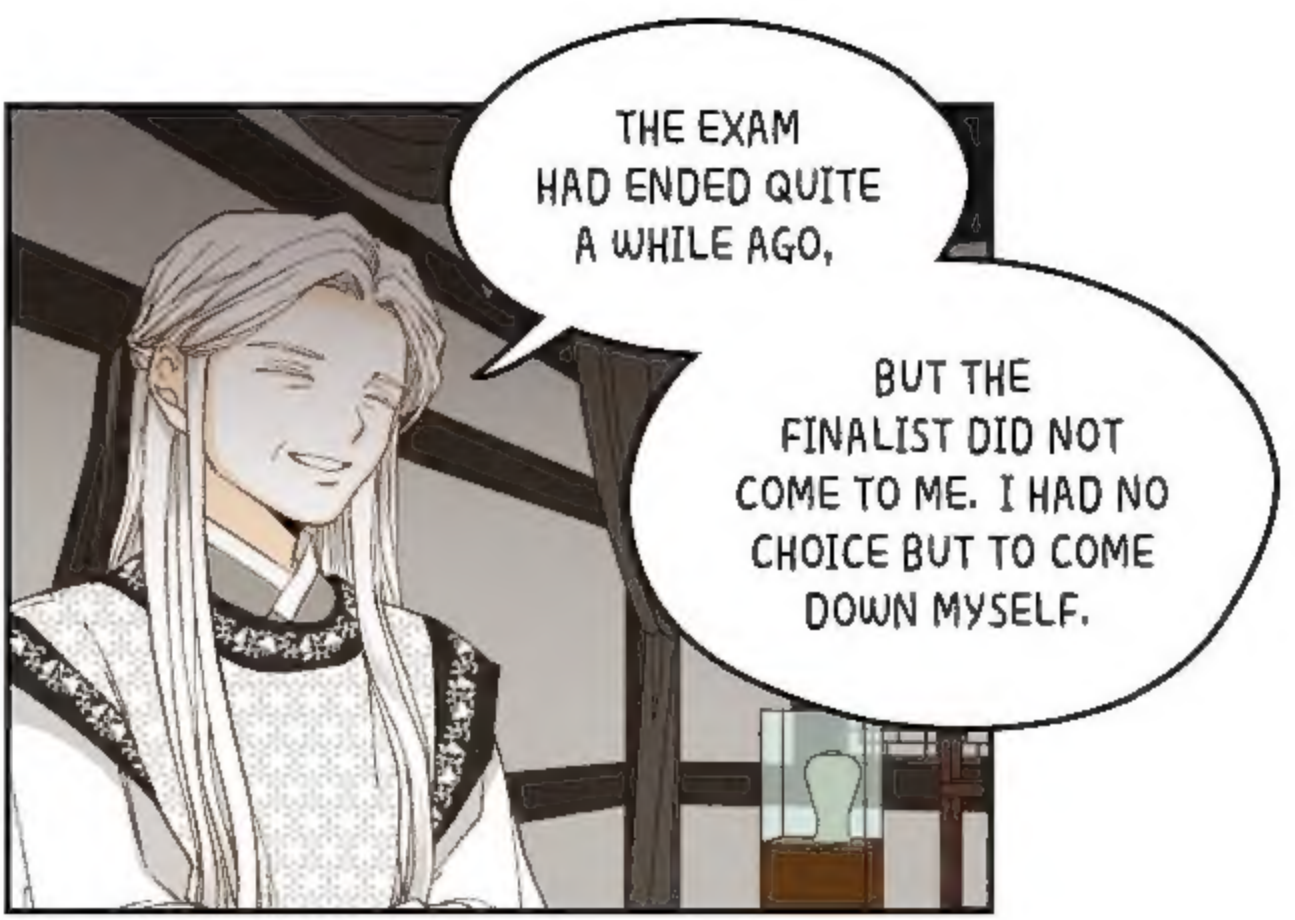
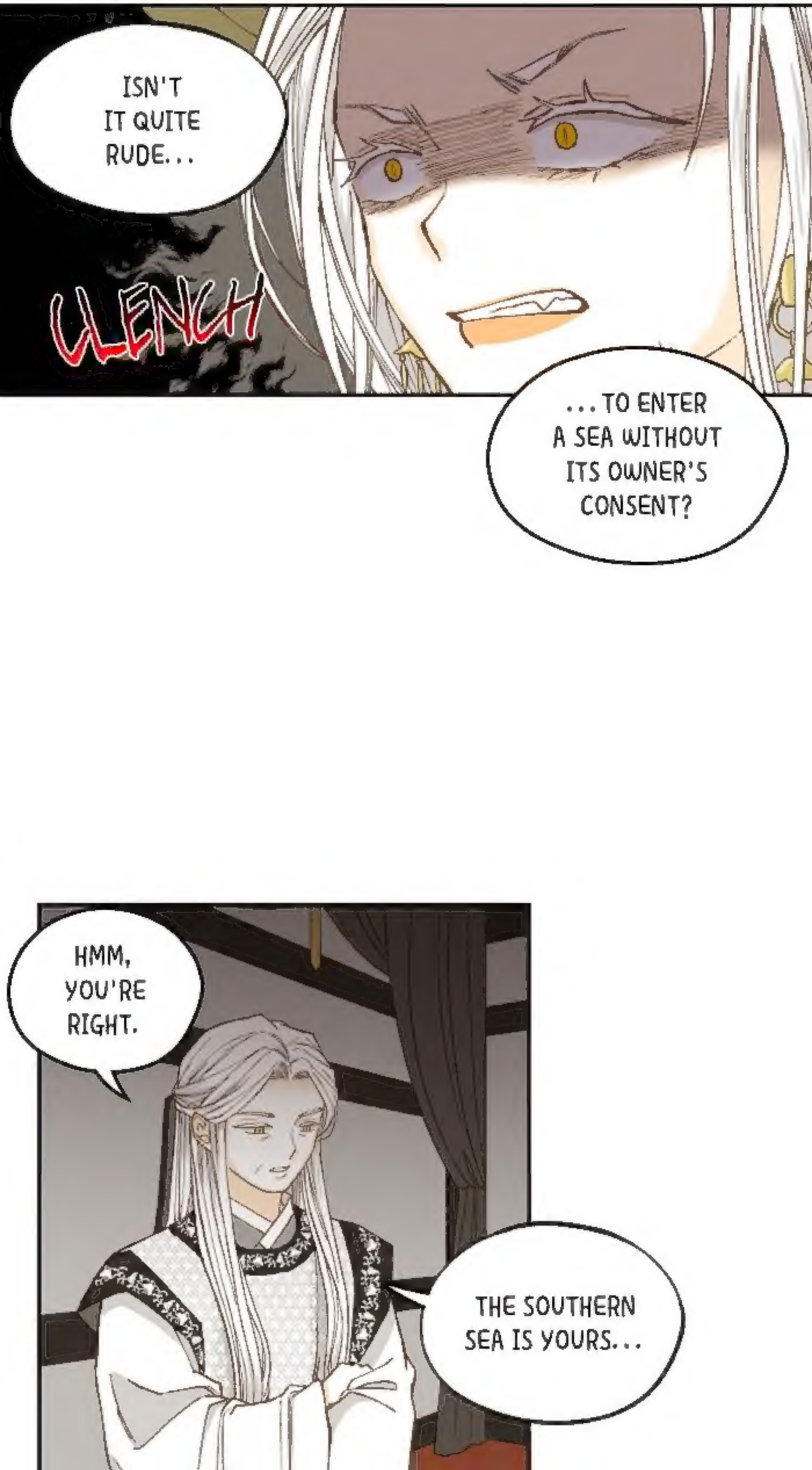
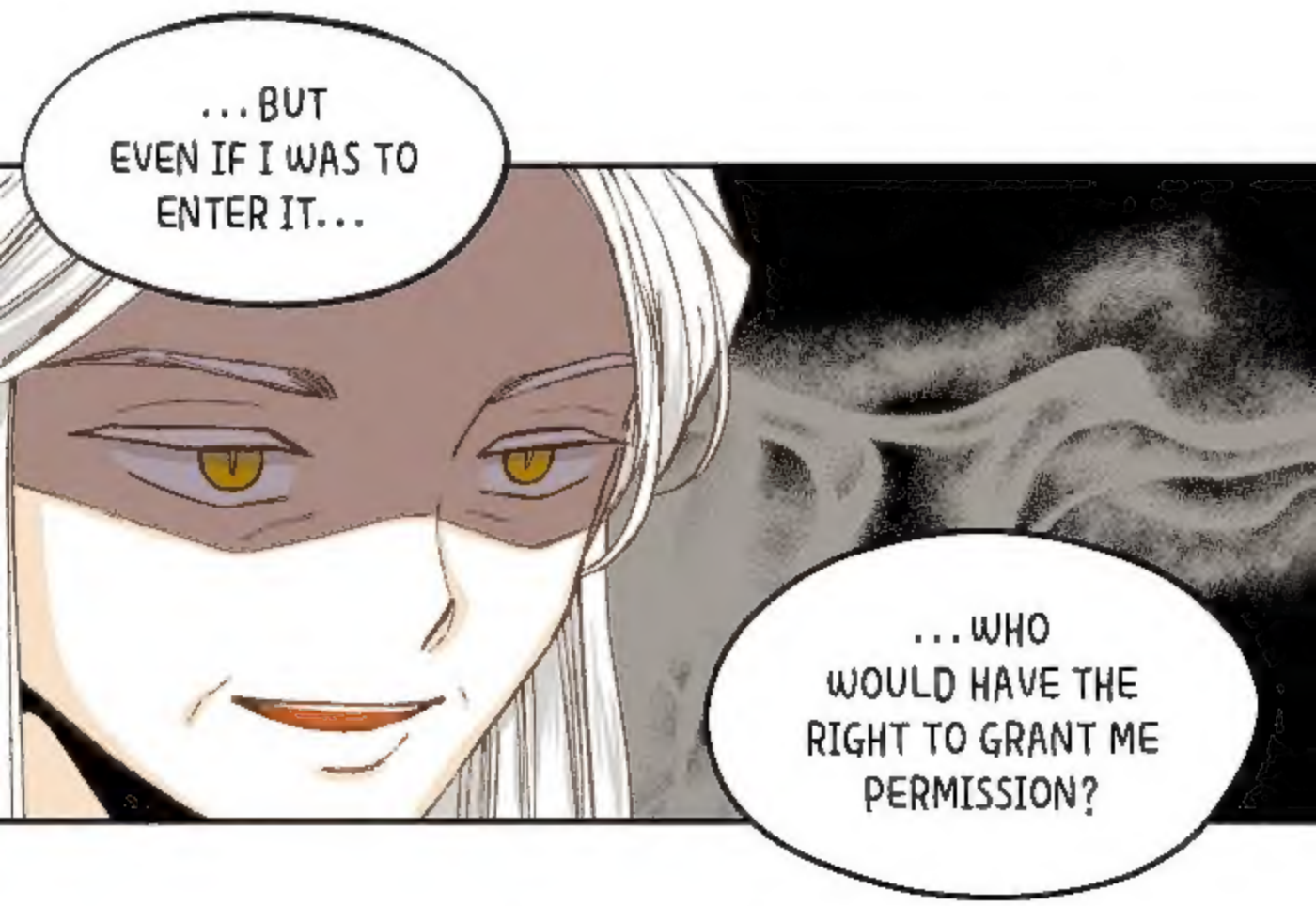

CHEONRYONG...
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE...?

...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?


THE EXAM HAD ENDED QUITE A WHILE AGO,
BUT THE FINALIST DID NOT COME TO ME. I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COME DOWN MYSELF.

IF YOU'RE DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU THINK I'D HURT YOUR FINALIST, YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
I WAS ONLY GOING TO GIVE HIM ONE LAST TEST BEFORE I SENT HIM UP...


ISN'T IT QUITE RUDE...
CLENCH
...TO ENTER A SEA WITHOUT ITS OWNER'S CONSENT?
HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE SOUTHERN SEA IS YOURS...

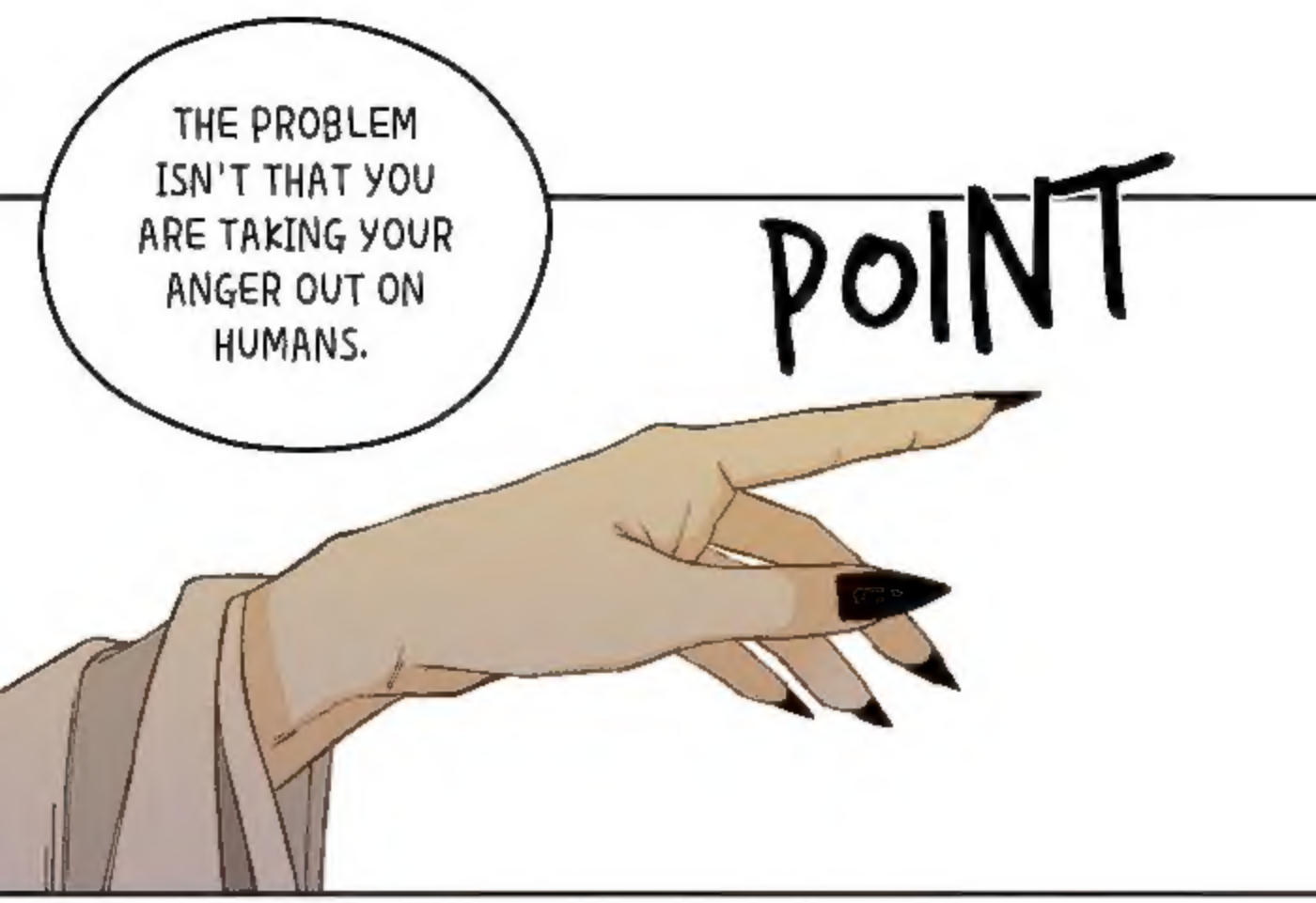

...BUT EVEN IF I WAS TO ENTER IT...
...WHO WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO GRANT ME PERMISSION?

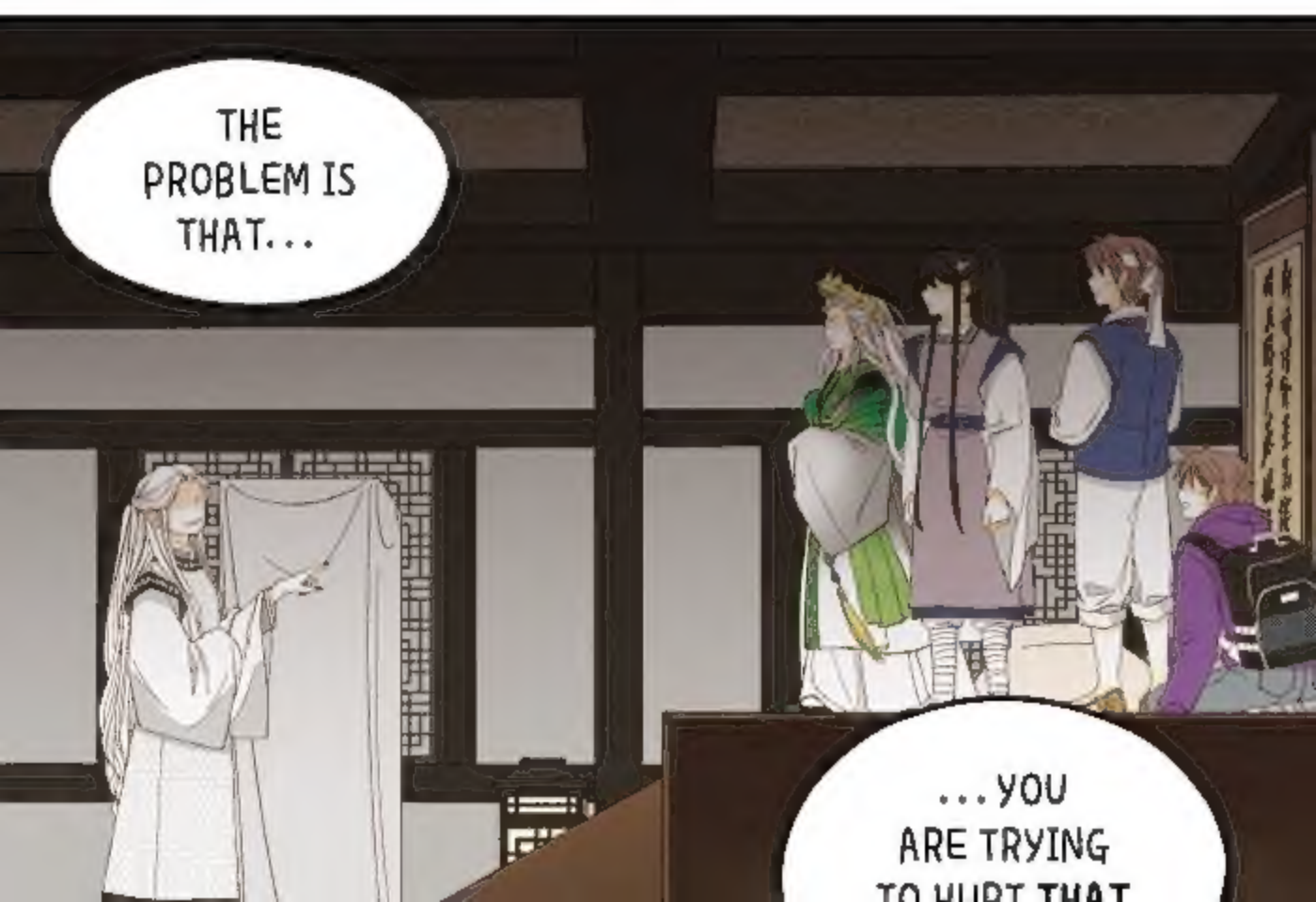
THIS IS

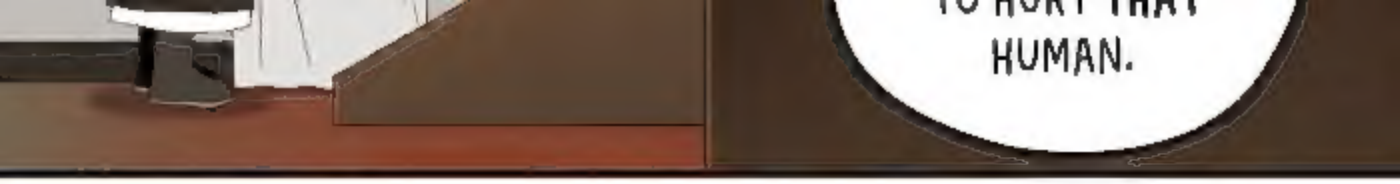
TERRIFYING!
RUMBLE
I'M TOTALLY STUCK IN THE MIDDLE!

YOU WERE TRYING TO HARM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE FINALIST...

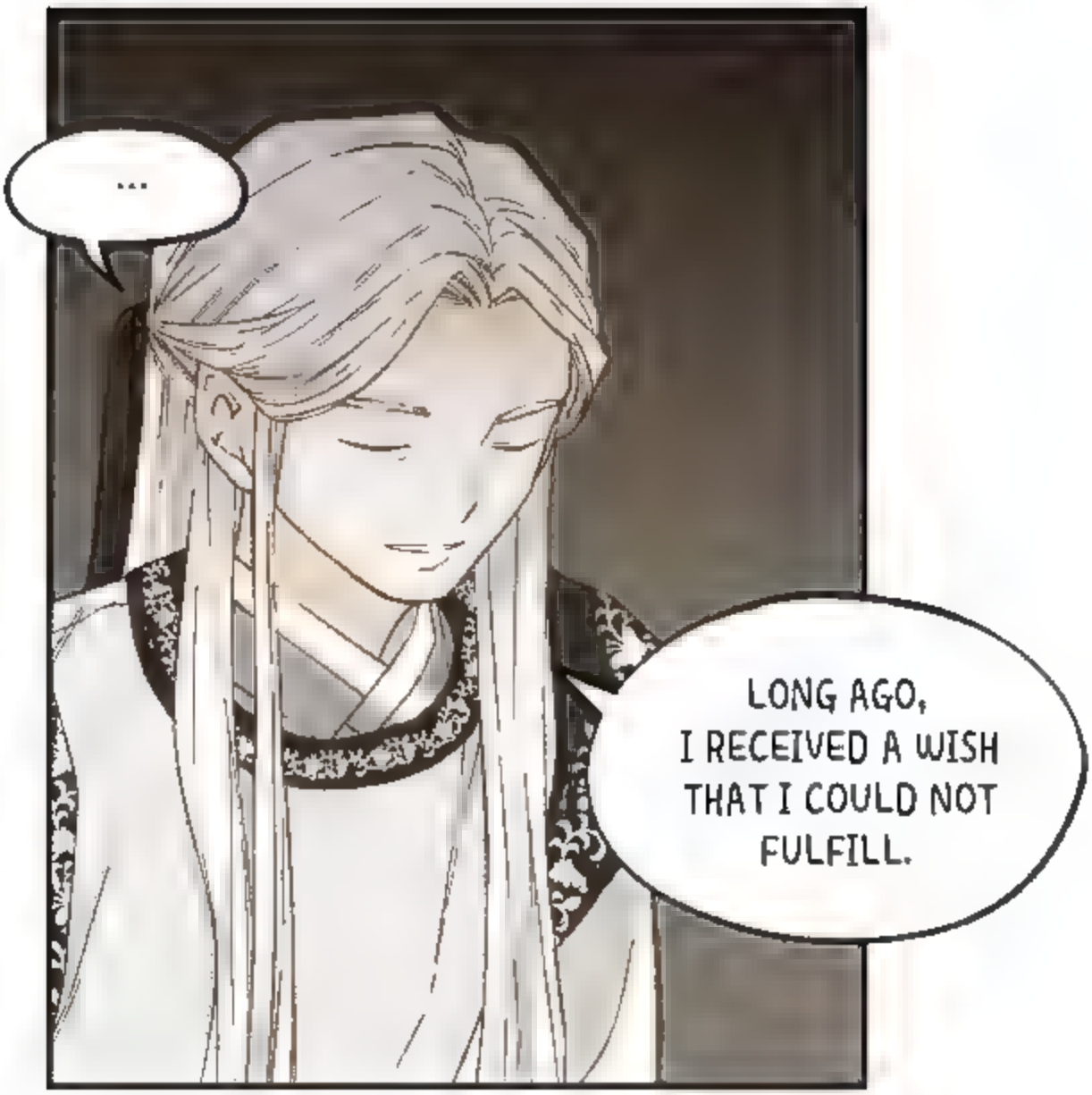
...AND I SIMPLY COULD NOT JUST SIT BY AND WATCH IT HAPPEN.

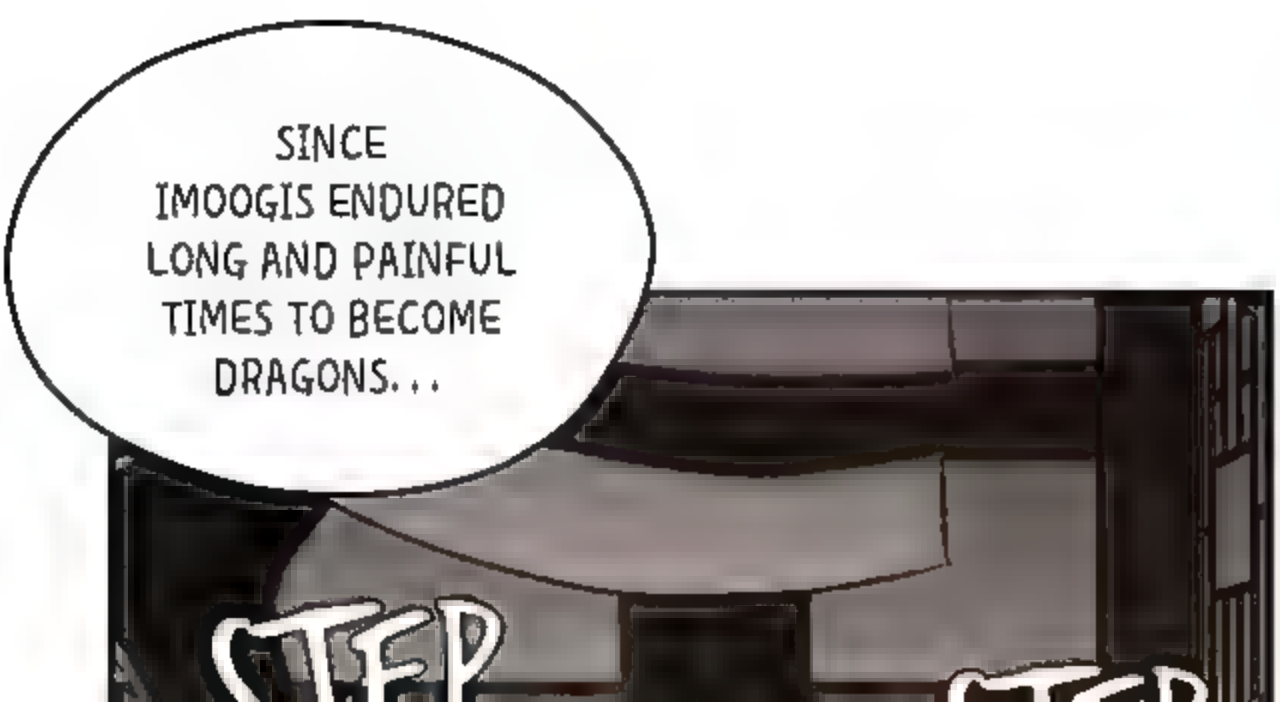

THE PROBLEM ISN'T THAT YOU ARE TAKING YOUR ANGER OUT ON HUMANS.
POINT


THE PROBLEM IS THAT...
...YOU ARE TRYING TO HURT THAT


HUMAN.

...
PARDON?


...
LONG AGO,
I RECEIVED A WISH
THAT I COULD NOT
FULFILL.

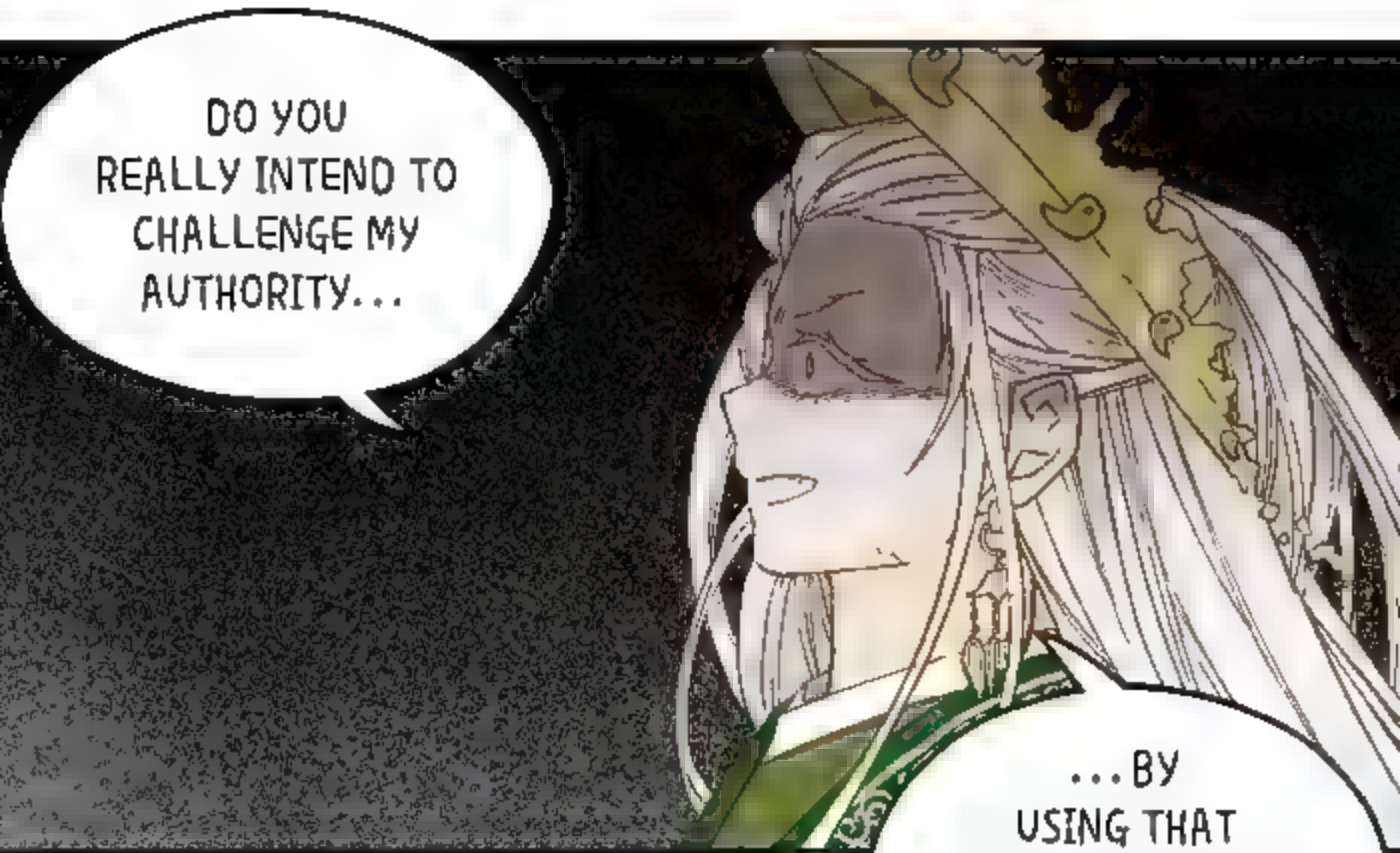

SINCE
IMOOGIS ENDURED
LONG AND PAINFUL
TIMES TO BECOME
DRAGONS...

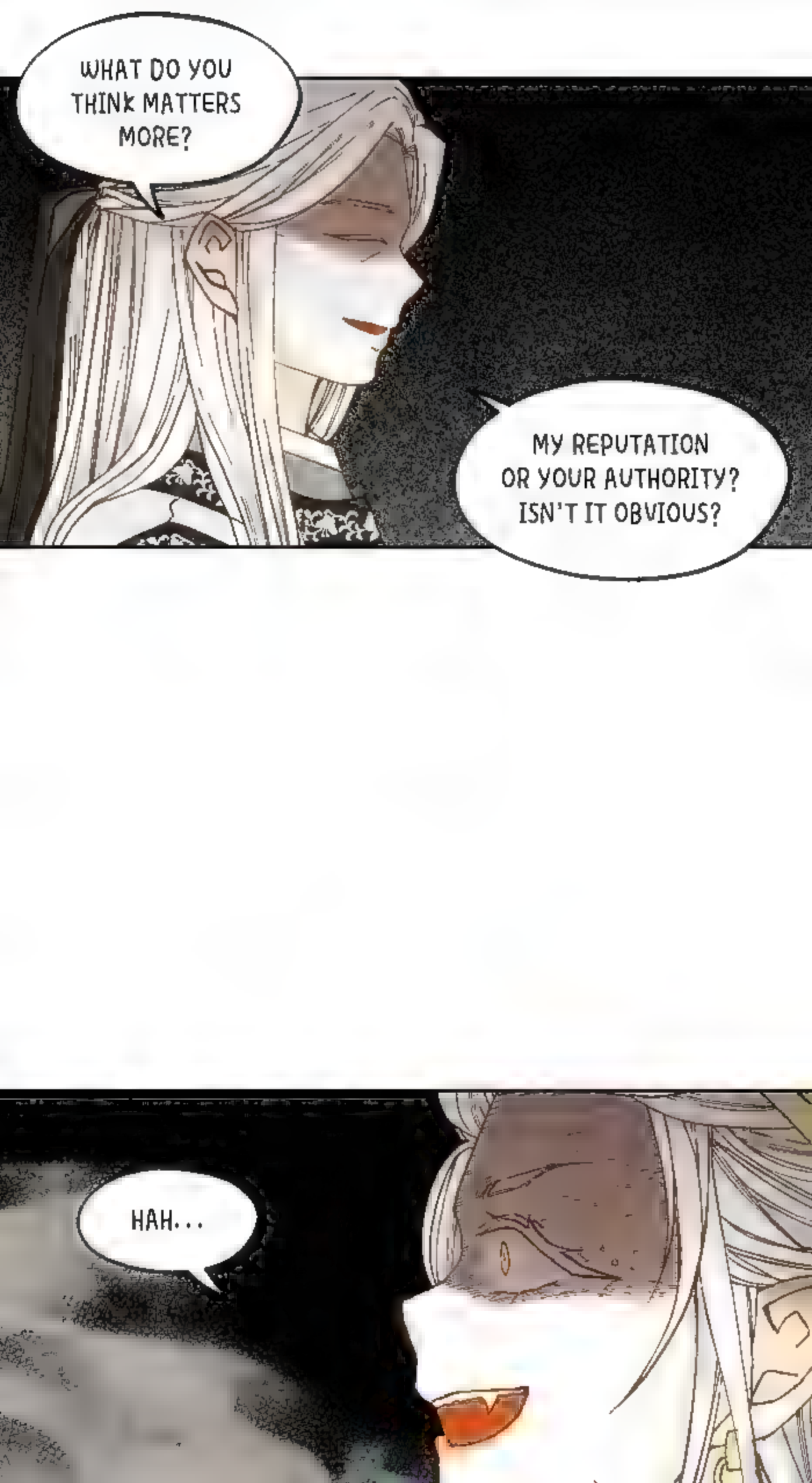
...IT WAS ONLY RIGHT THAT I GRANTED THEM WHATEVER WISH THEY DESIRED...

...TO BRING A HUMAN BACK TO LIFE.
...BUT FOOLISHLY ENOUGH, THIS ONE WANTED ME TO REVIVE A HUMAN THAT HAD NOT DIED.

SO,
I REFUSED HER
WISH.
BUT IF YOU
KILL THIS HUMAN
NOW...
STEP
PUNCH

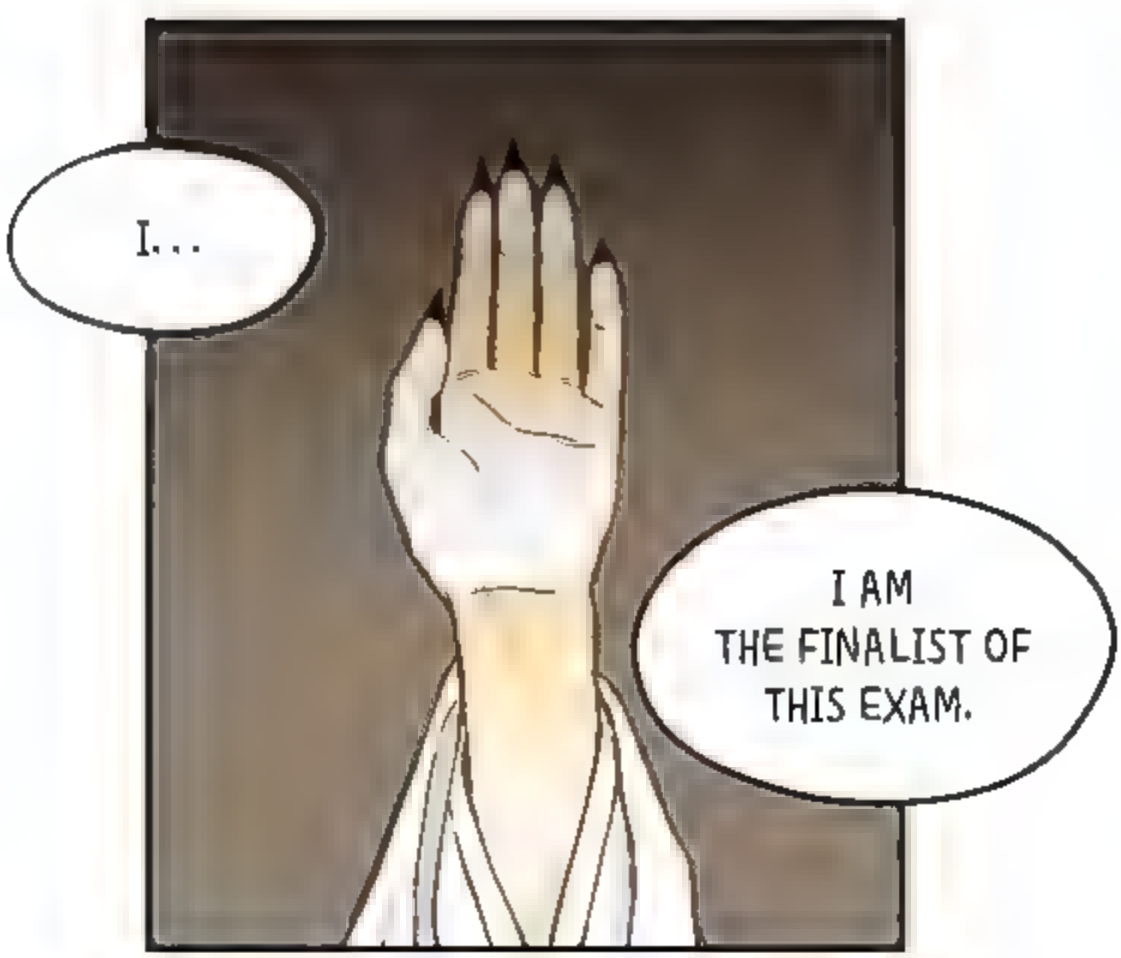
...HOW WOULD I EVER LOOK THAT DRAGON IN THE FACE AGAIN?

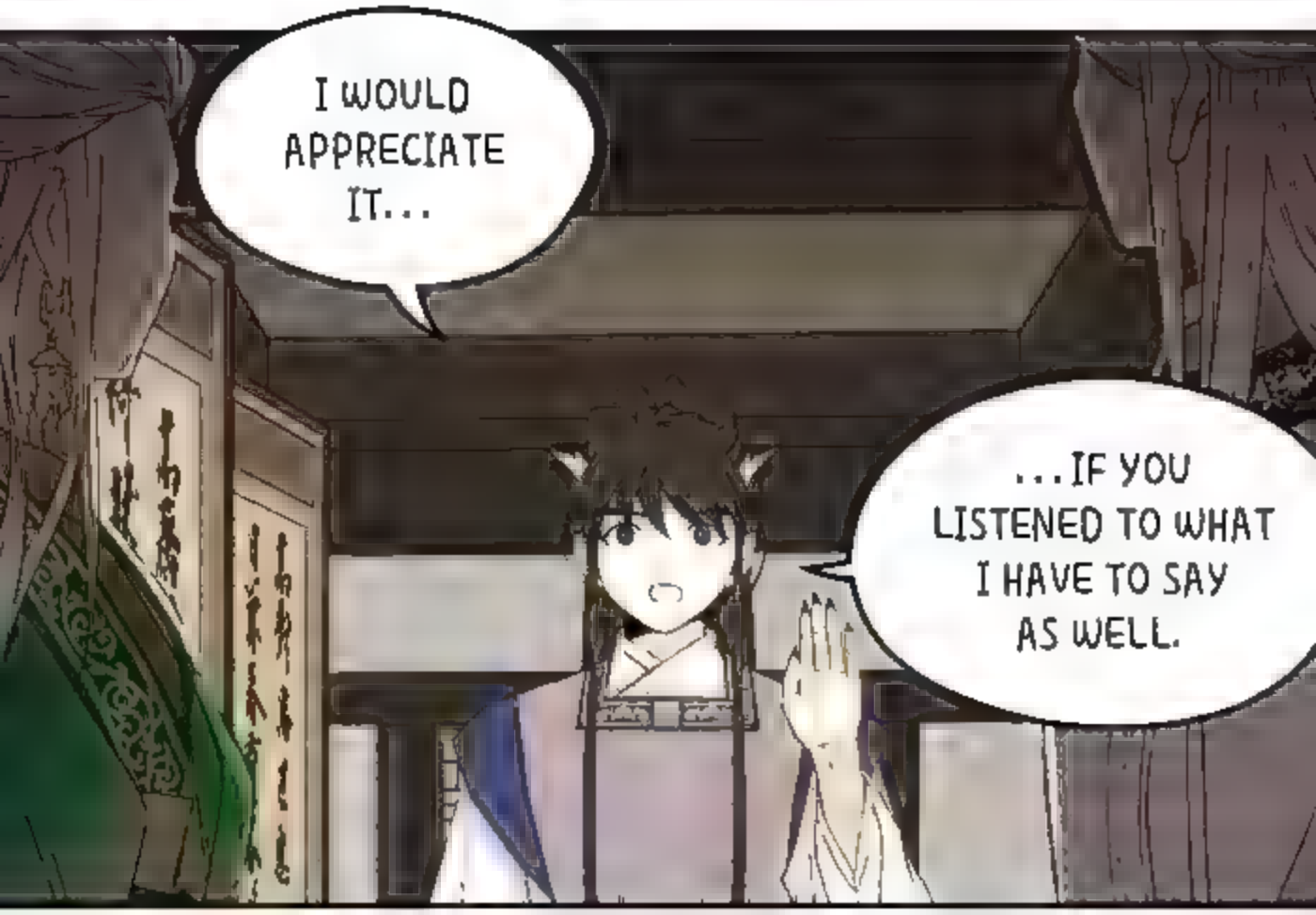


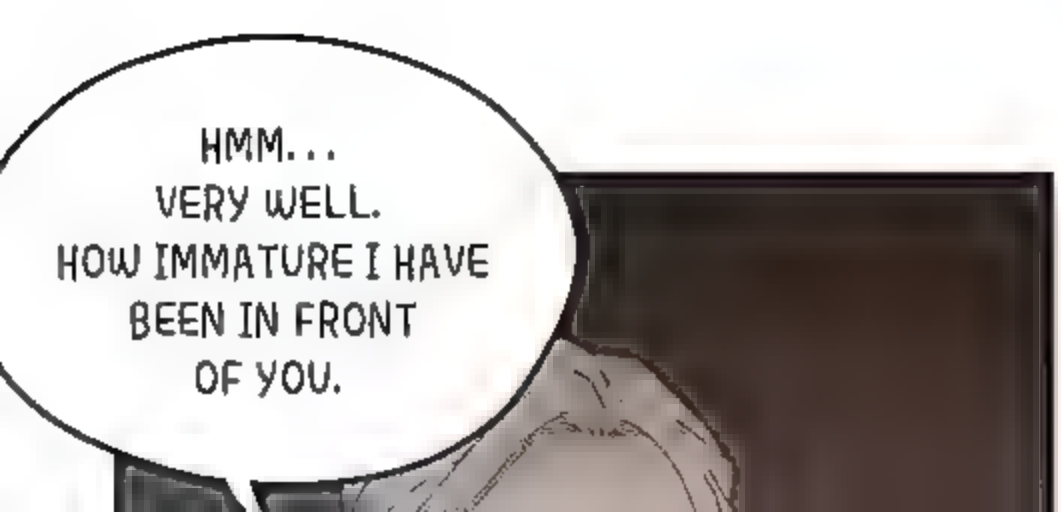

WHAT DO YOU THINK MATTERS MORE?
MY REPUTATION OR YOUR AUTHORITY? ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
HAH...

AAAH!
SHATTER

SMASH
!
WAIT...
WAIT...!


I...
I AM
THE FINALIST OF
THIS EXAM.

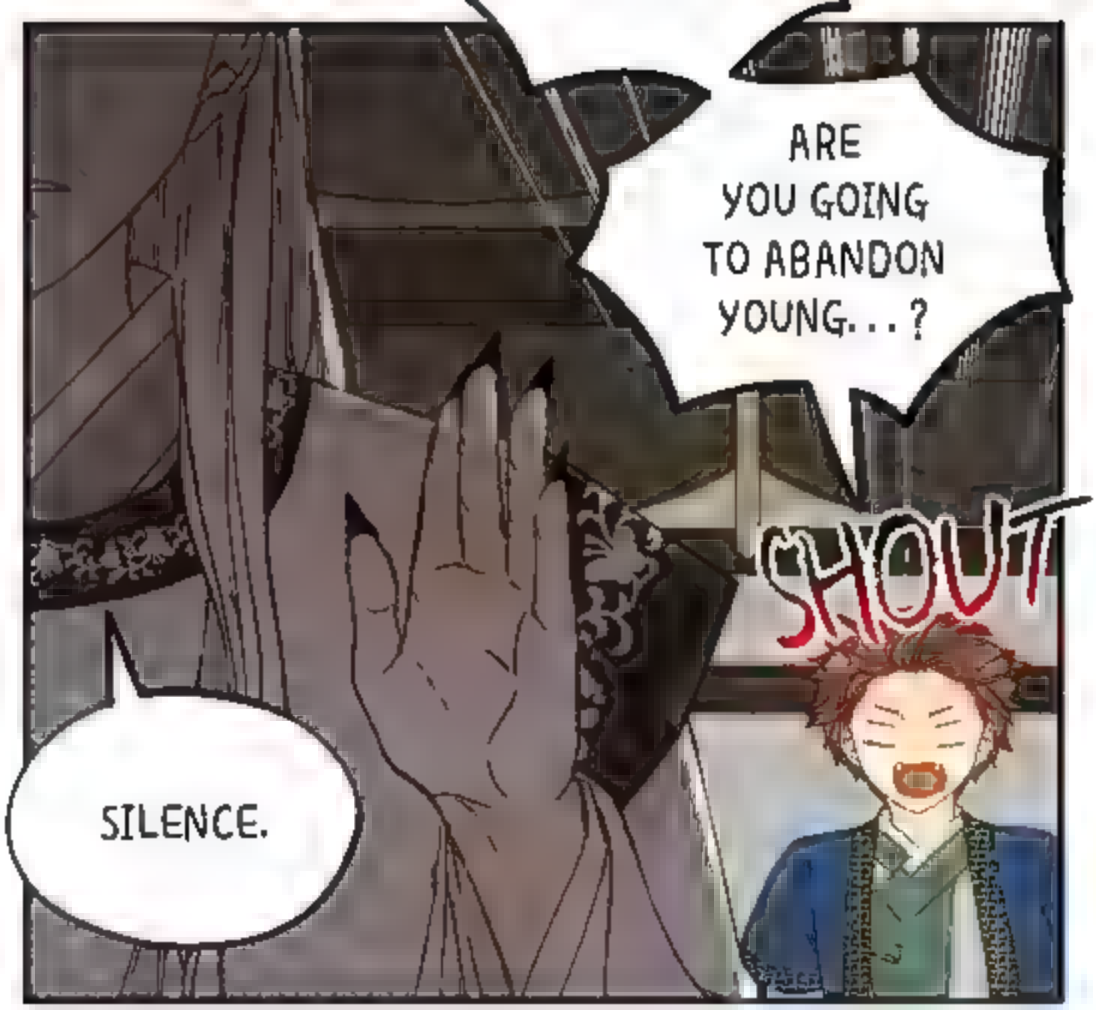

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT...
...IF YOU LISTENED TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY AS WELL.

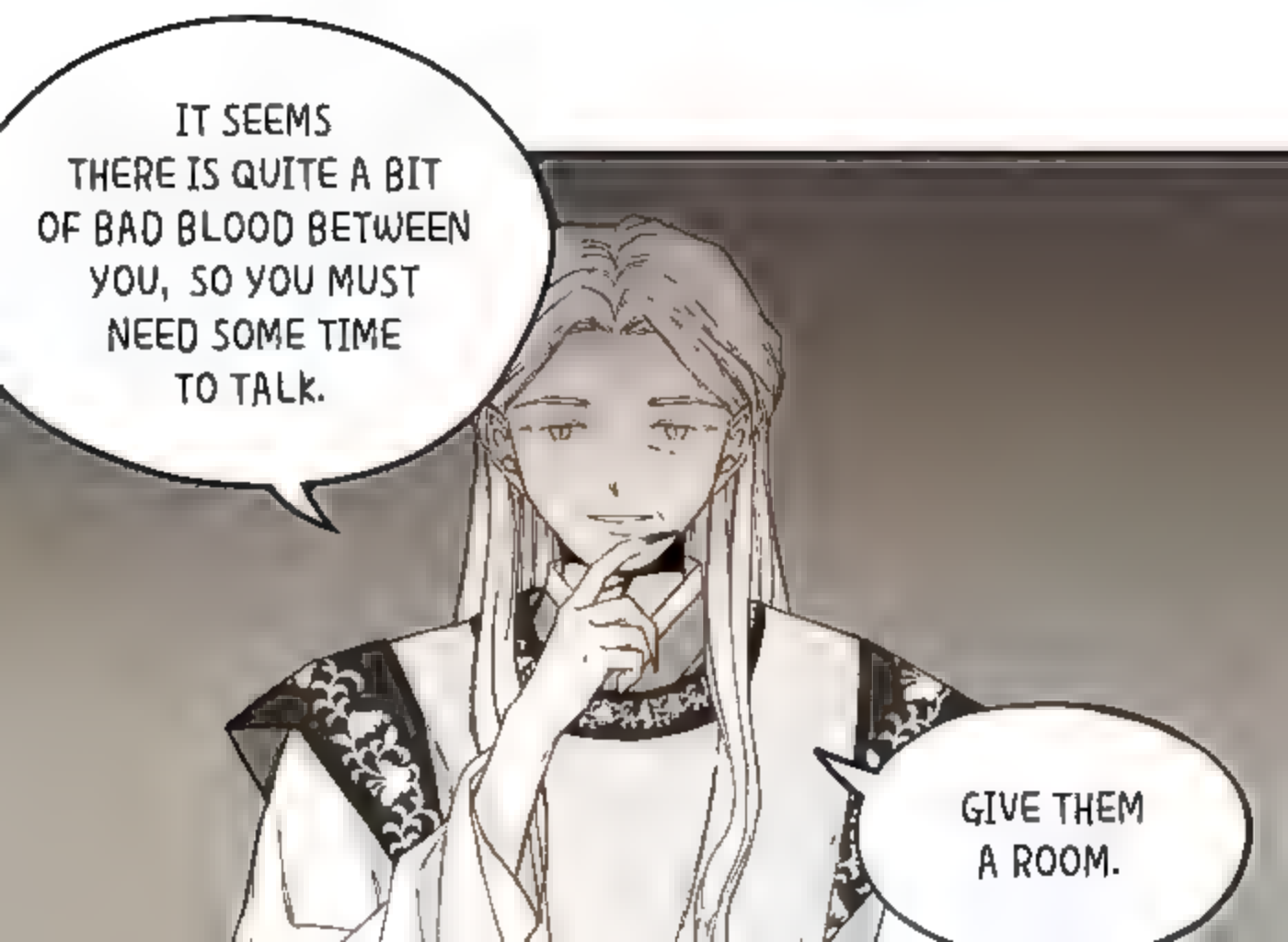

HMM... VERY WELL. HOW IMMATURE I HAVE BEEN IN FRONT OF YOU.

IF WE CARRY ON LIKE THIS, BOTH THIS BUILDING AND YOUR FRAIL LITTLE BODY WILL BE DESTROYED.
YOU WERE TOLD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ONE OF TWO HUMANS YOU HAD A DEEP BOND WITH.
HOWEVER. THAT HUMAN'S LIFE IS UNDER MY PROTECTION.
THE CHOICE

IS SIMPLE, IS IT NOT?

HEY, BARI!


ARE YOU GOING TO ABANDON YOUNG...?
SHOUT
SILENCE.


IT SEEMS THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF BAD BLOOD BETWEEN YOU, SO YOU MUST NEED SOME TIME TO TALK.
GIVE THEM A ROOM.

SAYS
WHO...?
ANGRY

YOUR
TEST WILL BE

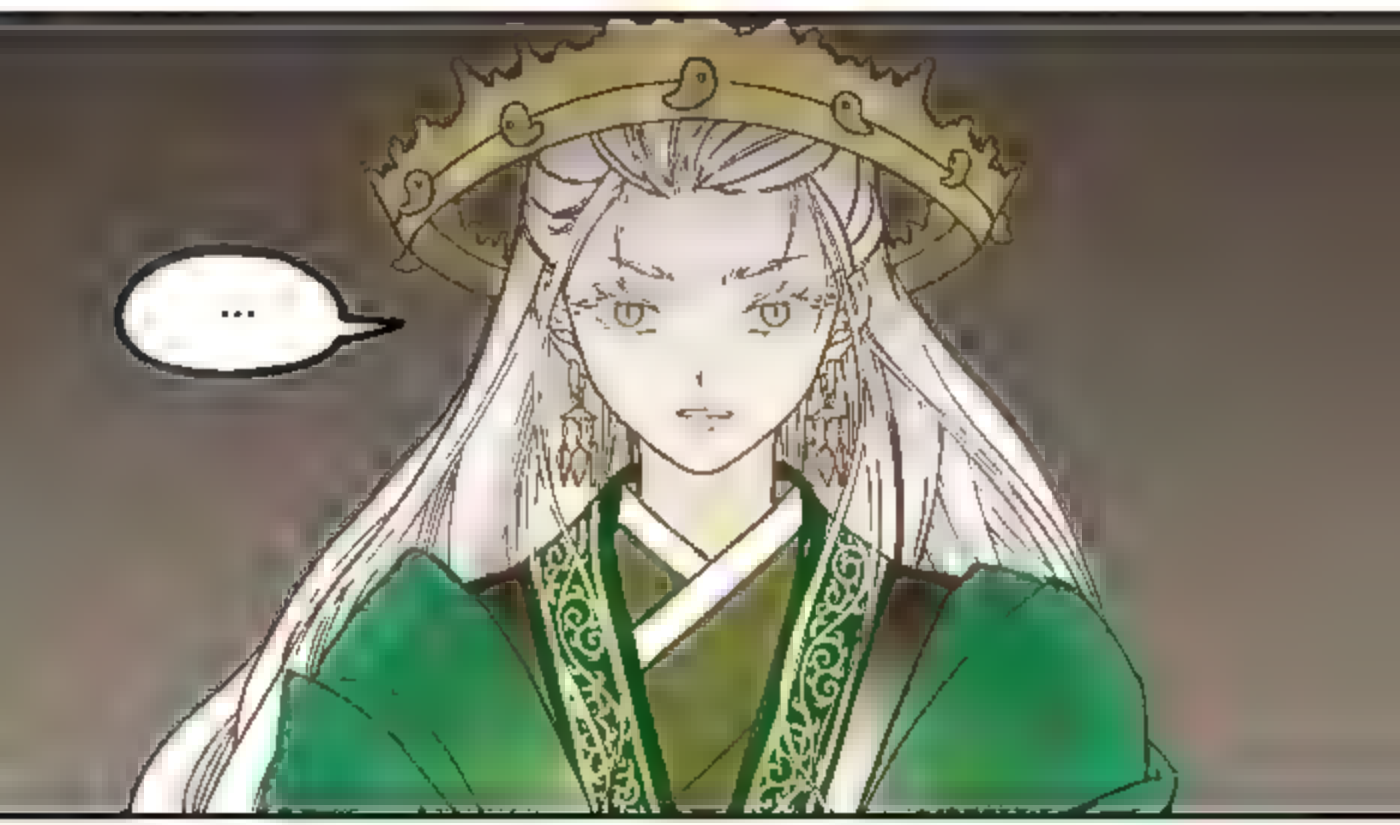
COMPLETED AS WELL.

...

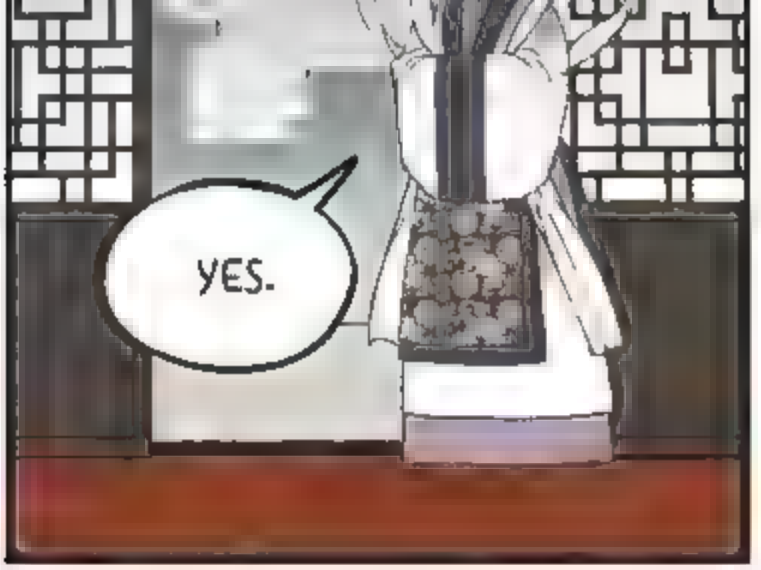
I GUARANTEE IT.

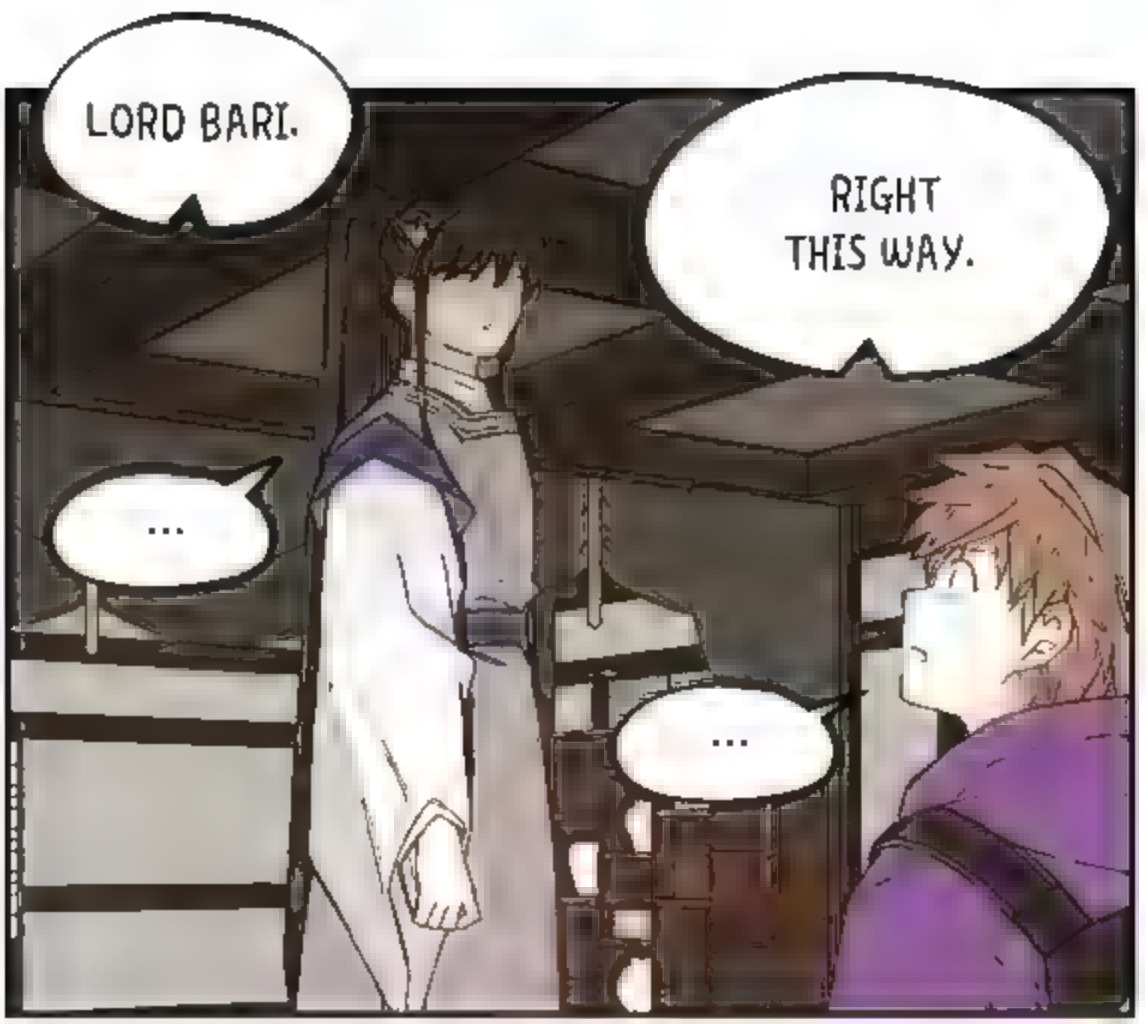
LET'S NOT EMBARRASS OURSELVES FURTHER IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN.

WHY DON'T WE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE AND HAVE A CONVERSATION AS WELL?


...

TAKE THEM
TO A ROOM.


YES.


LORD BARI.
RIGHT THIS WAY.
...
...

YOUNG.
I'M SORRY...

...
HUH?

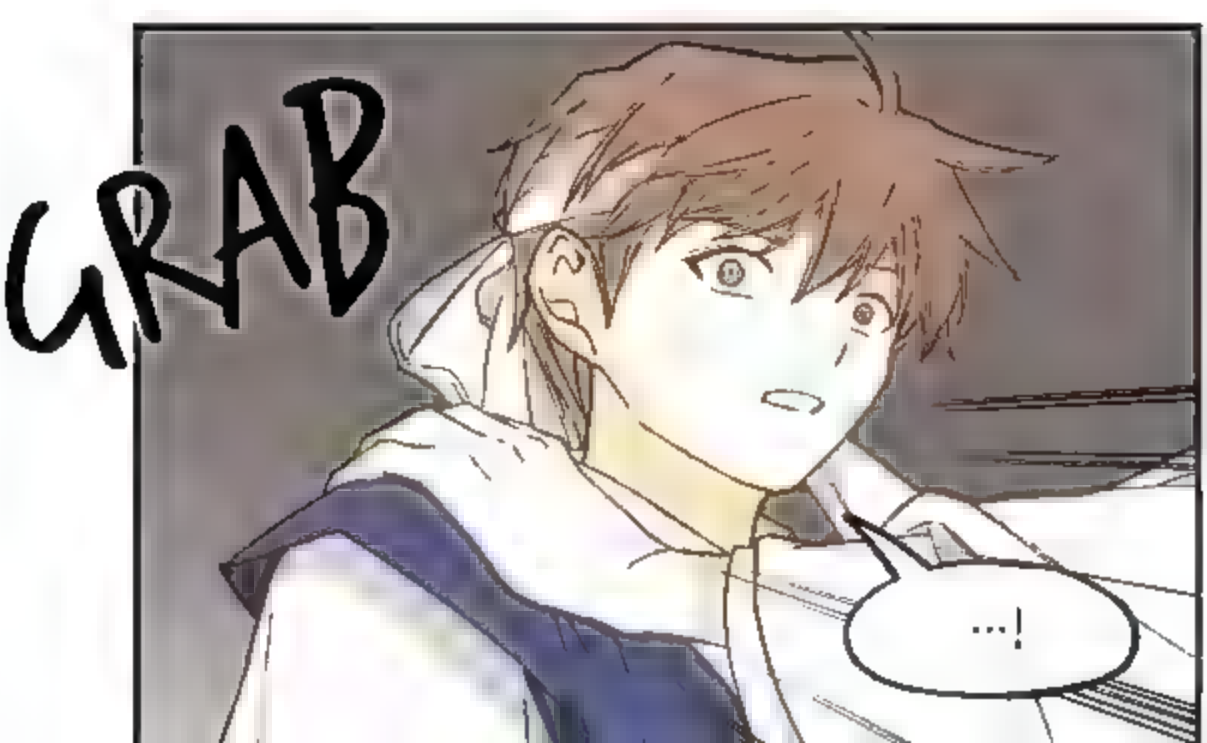
HEY...!
BARI!
STEP
YOU
CAN'T DO THAT
TO HIM!
STEP

DON'T WORRY!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WIMP IS GONNA BETRAY YOU?
WELL... I GUESS YOU NEVER KNOW HOW THINGS WILL GO IN LIFE...
MUMBLE
IF YOU'RE GONNA TRY TO COMFORT HIM, DO IT RIGHT. WHY ARE YOU GIVING HIM ROOM TO WORRY?
YOU THINK-TALKING QUIETER DOES ANYTHING?
YOU WENT THROUGH SO MUCH WITH HIM! THERE'S NO WAY HE'D ABANDON YOU!
WELL... I GUESS SOME PEOPLE

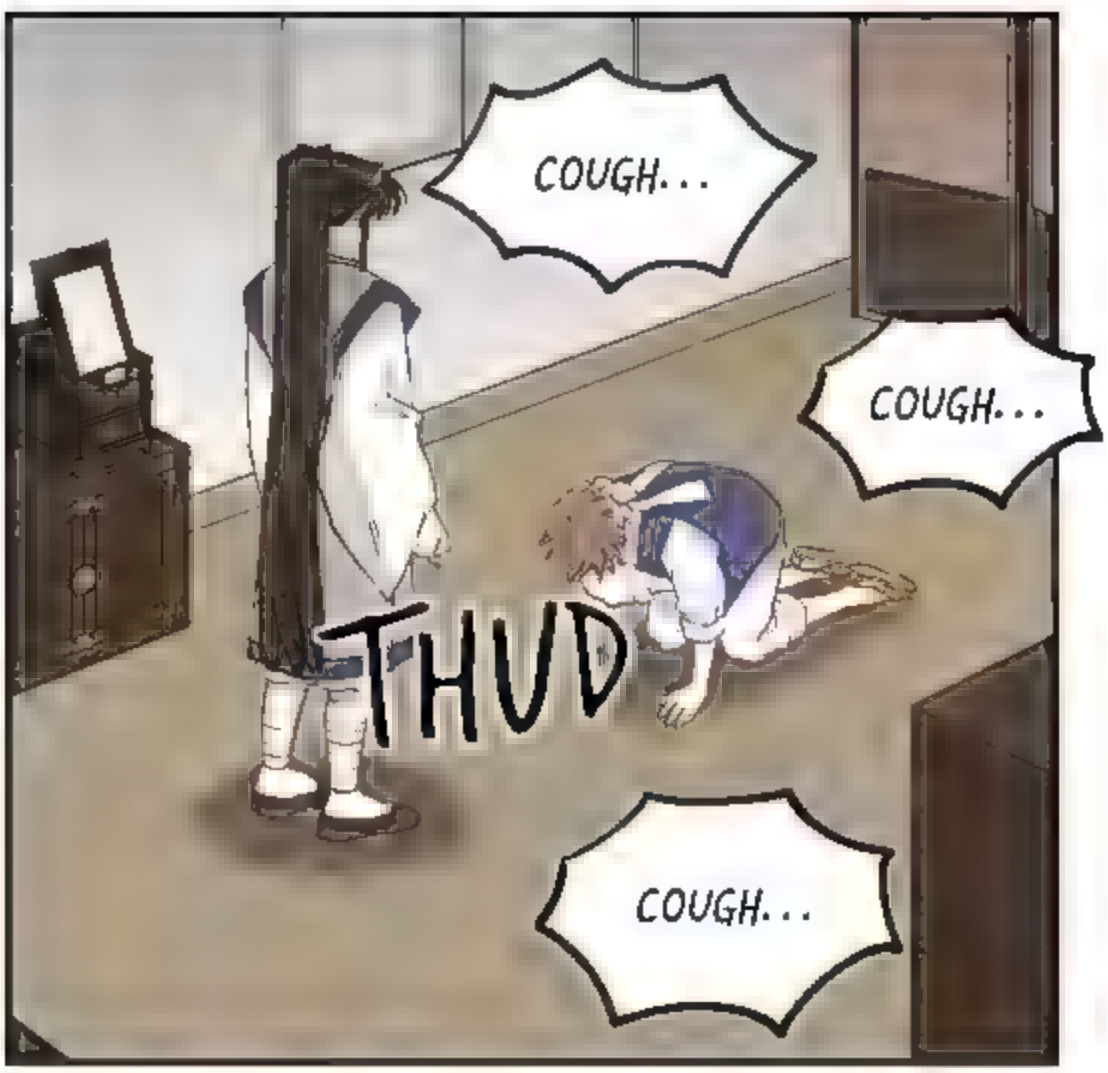
THROW THINGS AWAY AFTER THEY USE THEM...
...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.
THEN...
PLEASE CONVERSE COMFORTABLY.

SHUT
...

...


GRAB
...!

WHAM
GUH...

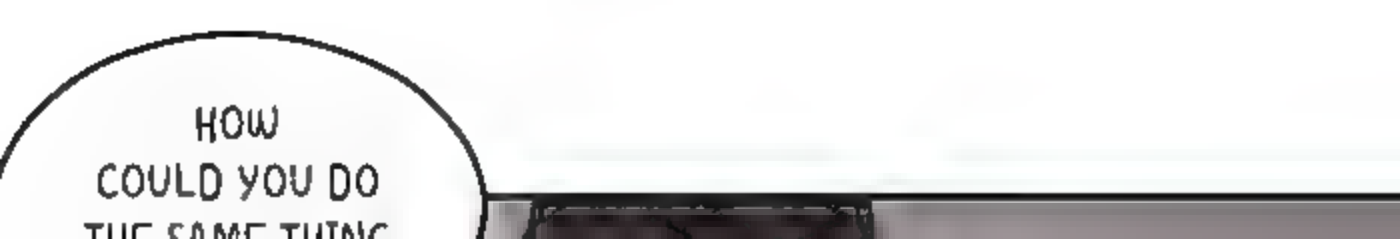


IF DOING THIS WILL MAKE YOU LESS ANGRY...

...DO AS YOU WISH.

I'M ANGRY RIGHT NOW...
...BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO RUN AWAY IRRESPONSIBLY AGAIN.

YOU ALREADY MADE THE WRONG CHOICE ONCE...
...AND MADE DAMSEOL DEAD INSIDE FOR 200 YEARS.


HOW COULD YOU DO

THE SAME THING AGAIN...
...IN FRONT OF ME...?

...

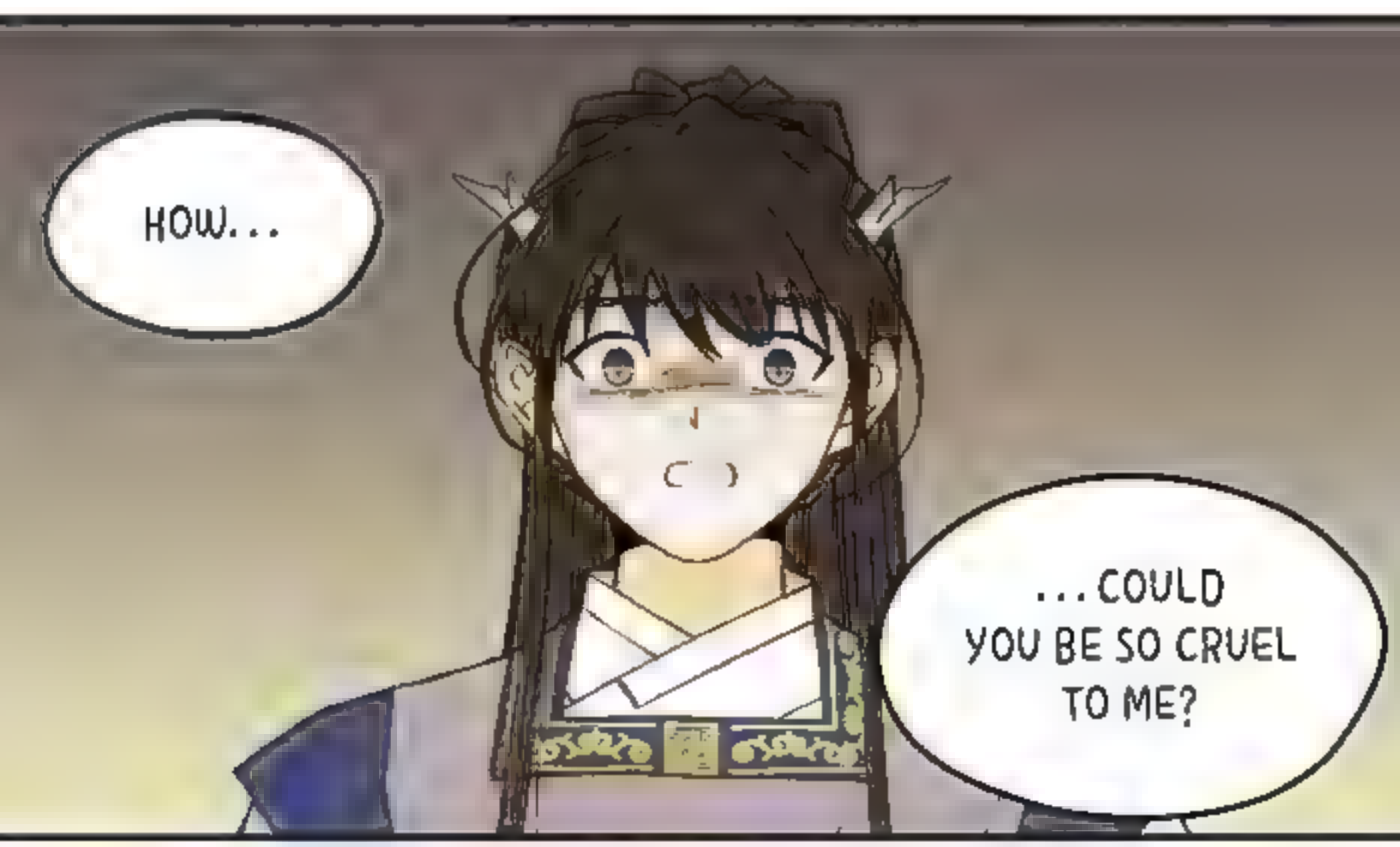
DON'T YOU HAVE...
...ANYTHING TO SAY TO ME?

WHAT...
...WOULD I HAVE TO SAY?
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU...

SAY ANYTHING!
APOLOGIZE OR MAKE EXCUSES!

WHAT,
IT'S EASY TO
TRY TO KILL YOURSELF,
BUT IT'S HARD TO OPEN
YOUR MOUTH?
YOU
HAD SO MUCH
TO SAY...
...WHEN
DAMSEOL SAID SHE WAS
GIVING UP ON HER
ASCENSION...

DO YOU NOT...
...HAVE A SINGLE THING TO SAY TO ME?


HOW...
...COULD YOU BE SO CRUEL TO ME?

WHEN
I FIRST SAW
YOU...
WHEN
I FIRST FOUND OUT
YOU WERE STILL
ALIVE...

I WASN'T ANGRY
OR CONFUSED.

THE FIRST THING I FELT WAS...

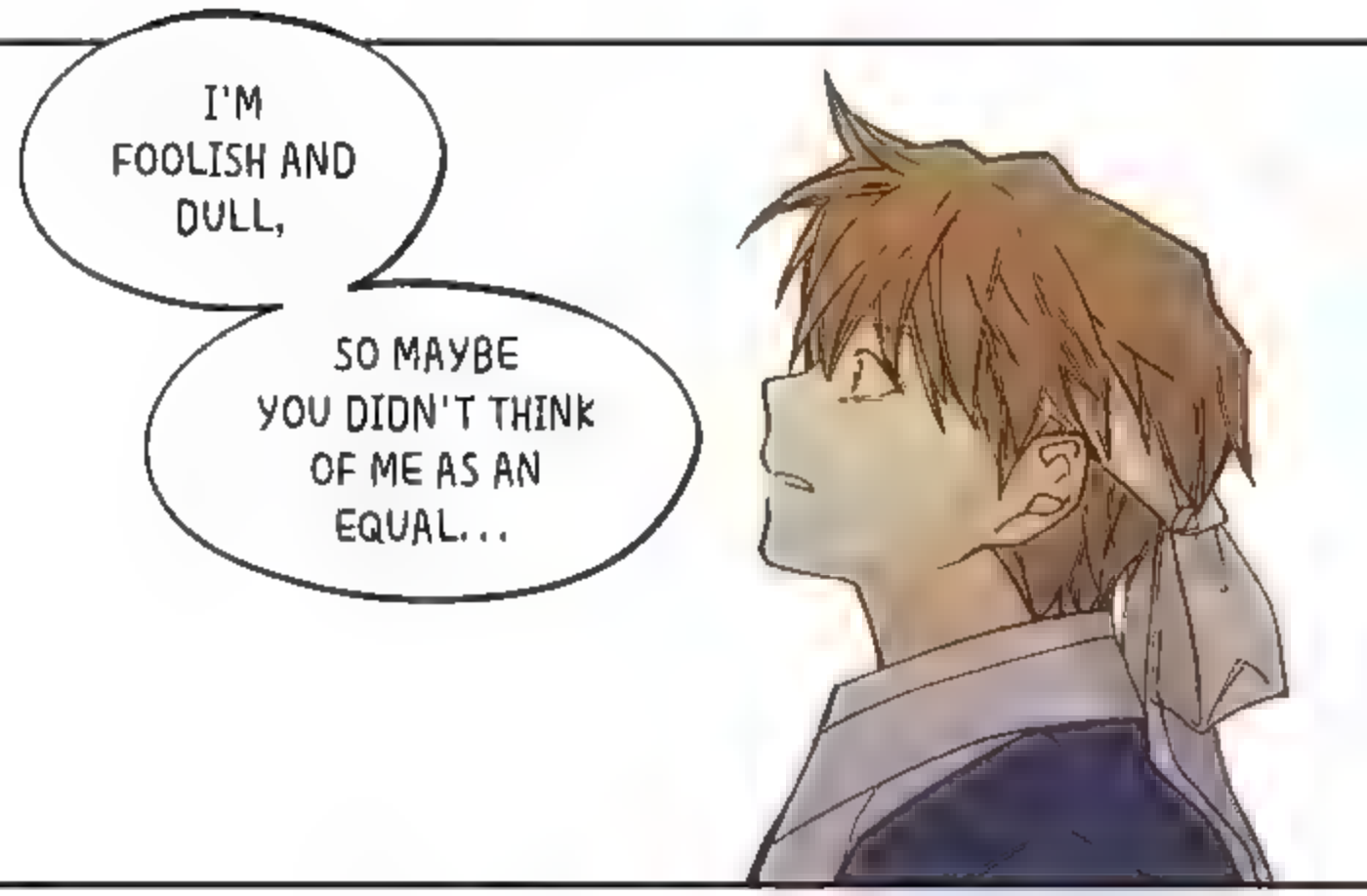
...HAPPINESS.

I THOUGHT

ABLE TO GET AN ANSWER FROM YOU.
I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO GET CLOSURE ON MY OWN.
EVEN AS I OFFERED COMFORT TO THOSE WHO WERE HURT...

...I WAS ENVIOUS THAT THEY AT LEAST HAD SOMEONE WHO COULD ANSWER THEM.
YOU ARE NOT DEAD...
...SO WHY WON'T YOU SAY ANYTHING TO ME?

I...
I WAS YOUR FRIEND TOO.


I'M FOOLISH AND DULL,
SO MAYBE YOU DIDN'T THINK OF ME AS AN EQUAL...

...BUT WE WERE ALL...
...FRIENDS.
...

YOU'RE WRONG, BARI.
WHAT...?
I NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU LIKE THAT.

WE COULD NEVER BE COMPLETELY HONEST WITH EACH OTHER...
...OR COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

HOW COULD WE...

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